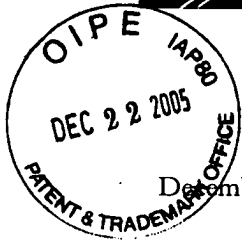


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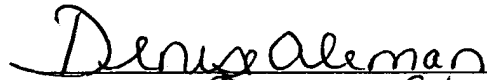
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## **INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed October 6, 2005 relating to the above-identified patent application. Please reconsider the patent application in view of the amendments and remarks presented hereinafter, which are submitted as a full and complete response to the aforementioned Office Action.

Claims 1-27 remain in the subject patent application. Claims 23-27 were withdrawn from further consideration in a telephone conversation between the undersigned attorney and Examiner Hung Nguyen on August 4, 2005. Such withdrawal of claims 23-27 is hereby confirmed. No claims are amended, canceled, or added herein.